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The Boneyard

Story and photos by Jeff Hill, EAA Chapter 932

On the week-end of Feb. 15 -17 my son Steve, former 10C line boy and now United Express Jet captain, and I flew down to Tucson, Az. for the American Aviation Historical Society annual gathering which included a tour of the famous, "world's biggest airplane boneyard" at Davis-Monthon A.F.B. - and it surely is that! 2,600 acres, a little over four square miles.

Although there are several other aircraft boneyards, Davis-Monthon is the only one for excess U.S military, government aircraft and aerospace vehicles. About 3900 planes in storage there with over 6000 engines. However no reciprocating engines remain. Some units are cannibalized for salvageable parts and eventually broken up for scrap metals.

The bus tour started from the adjoining Pima Air Museum. A docent provided good descriptions of what we were seeing and answered questions throughout the tour.

The first part was the most interesting; Celebrity Row: about a half-mile roadway with airplanes parked on each side. There appeared to be one of each type in the museum boneyard. Signs identified each, and our guide gave interesting descriptions and comments. There were a number of planes I had not known of, including several "Y" models, Y being the designation the A.F. uses for prototypes before the type goes into production,

It's impossible to take a picture of everything, as the place is so big. If you are interested in any certain 'species' you can photograph it from the bus. (No one is permitted off the buses while on the base.) The tour lasted about an hour and was

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well worthwhile. I later discovered that if one drives along the city streets around the perimeter you can get a good look at everything from not too great a distance.

We spent a second day at the Pima Air Museum. Pima is an Arizona county, with Tucson as the county seat.

My favorite in the museum is the L-049 Lockheed Constellation in TWA colors, serial #10, likely built in 1944. The sign says they searched the world and could find none of the first nine 049s so this is likely the oldest Connie survivor in the world.

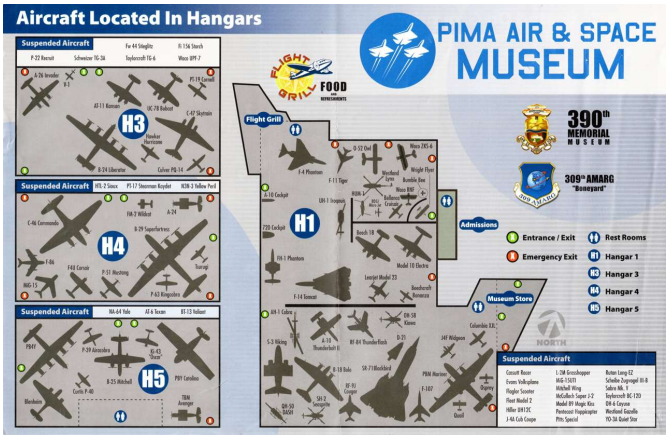
The author and Connie in TWA colors

When I hired on with TWA in 1964, all the L-049s had been converted to L-749s most easily recognized by the addition of the weather radar nose radome. There were several improvements such as reversible props, steerable nose wheel, an increase in MGWt. and others. TWA retired the last of the Connies in 1967, becoming the first 'all jet' U.S. airline

Old habits die hard, 'eh, Jeff?

We began with a tram ride to the restoration hangar. As one would expect they have everything they need including a paint both the size of a house.

The Museum is so big that, unless you rush through, you can't see it all in one day. There are eight large



The museum consists of 8 hangars of aircraft on display and undergoing restoration with 91 acres of displays outside.

hangars and 91 acres of outside display area!

One big thing we noticed: there are no ***"Do not touch"*** signs. The only thing close was a sign warning not to sit in the engine inlet of the B-787. You can see that sticking anything into the free wheeling fan blades could prove to be hazardous.

Something for everyone!

With that one caveat, the Pima Air and Space Museum is a very much 'hands-on' place that both kids and aviation-minded adults will love.

More information on the museum can be found at: http://www.pimaair.org/

If you would like more Information about surviving Lockheed Constellations, go to: http://www.conniesurvivors.com/

Click Here for more images from Jeff's tour

FYI...

Every so often, a website, museum or organization comes to my attention that may be of interest to you. For that reason, I'll pass them along here. I encourage you to check them out. Also, if you know of something or someplace that may be of interest to the EAA Chapter 932 membership. please email the information to editor@eaa932.org.

This month, one such organization is the **American Aviation Historical Society**. Founded in 1956, the AAHS is an educational organization whose primary objective is the preservation and dissemination of the rich heritage of American aviation. The Society maintains an extensive collection of books, documents and photographs that are available to researchers and aviation enthusiasts on a wide variety of American aviation history. Their intent is to serve as a catalyst for communication among people having a common interest in specific aviation related topics. The AAHS publishes a quarterly **Journal** and an informative **AAHS FlightLine** that provides information on interesting and often little known facts associated with American aviation available on a subscription basis. Information about the AAHS can be found at https://www.aahs-online.org.

Up Next...

EAA Chapter 932 Gathering - March 9

A Visit to the Curtis Jenny Replica Project at Poplar Grove

Join us for a Fly-out/Drive-out trip out to Poplar Grove to visit with Don Perri and check out the latest developments on the **Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny"** being built in EAA Chapter 1414's hangar.

Afterwards, we'll refuel at the **Hydeout Bar & Grill** (http://hydeoutbar.com/) in Poplar Grove.

We'll be car pooling/plane pooling, as available, departing from Galt at 9am on Saturday morning. The tour starts at 10am. Poplar Grove is 45 minutes away by car. (Entry is from Orth Rd.) Park at the museum. The museum's address is 5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.

Anyone who wishes to fly is welcome The Jenny is in the EAA Chapter 1414 hangar near the Wings and Wheels Museum located at the north end of Poplar Grove Airport. Airplanes can park on the ramp just southwest of the museum.

Pilots with empty seats and passengers looking to hitch a ride should email Dan Johnson at **captcubby@comcast.net**. *NOTE: Please use **"EAA Flyout"** in the subject line of your email.)*

2019 Chapter Events

Mar 9:	**Fly-out/Drive-out visit to Curtis Jenny replica project in Poplar Grove**
April13:	**Panel/Avionics Upgrades with Marty Papanek**
May 11:	**Young Eagles Rally**
May 25:	**APA/ALPA Fly-in Family Breakfast**
June 15:	**Barnstormer's Day!**
July 13:	**Young Eagles Rally**
Aug 10:	**Chapter Gathering** - TBD
Sept. 14:	**Chapter Gathering** - TBD
Oct 5:	**Planes 'n Puppies**
Oct 12:	**Chapter Gathering** - TBD
Nov 9:	**Chapter Gathering** - TBD

As always, be sure to check our website at EAA932.org for the most up-to-date information

It is with great pride that Galt Traffic yet again presents

Planes on Posts

This month's triple-header comes complements of our own Jeff Hill who spotted these bronze beauties in front of the Pima Air & Space Museum in Arizona during his recent retreat from the cold with son, Steve. They represent three Northrop/McDonnell Douglas YF-23 stealth fighter demonstrator aircraft designed for the United States Air Force. Thanks, Jeff!

Keep the photos coming! Send your submissions to editor@eaa932.org

JB Aviation Flight School News

Between the extreme cold, snow, and ice, this winter has not been great. But the good news is spring will happen and there are lots of fun events to look forward to at the airport. Check out the 2019 event schedule here: https://www.flywithjb.com/event/2019-galt-airport-events/

We hope you can join us!

Galt Airport
2019 Events

May 11th Young Eagles Rally. Free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17yrs provided by EAA 932. 9am - 1pm

June 15th Barnstormer's Day Fly-In & Drive-In with pancake breakfast. 8am - 2pm

July 14th The Feast Outdoors Foraging Walk. Learn about native edible plants and how to identify them while walking around Galt Airport. 10am. RSVP required, space is limited. To rsvp, email rebekah@flywithJB.com.

August 17th 12th Annual Flour Drop Competition. Time TBD

September 5th Beginning Beekeeping Q&A and Demonstration at the pond, weather permitting. Time TBD. RSVP required, email rebekah@flywithJB.com

October 5th Planes & Puppies: Young Eagles Rally and adoption/fundraising event for the Animal House Shelter 9am -1pm

November 10th Quilting Class. RSVP required, space is limited. To rsvp, email rebekah@flywithJB.com. Time TBD

EAA Chapter 932 meets at Galt Airport most months on the second Saturday, 9:30 am in the Studio. Everyone's welcome! For more info and to confirm dates, visit EAA932.org

The Civil Air Patrol of McHenry County meets at Galt Airport weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. For more information about the CAP and joining them, visit http://il263.ilwg.cap.gov/about-mccs/

Visit flywithJB.com or call 815-648-2433 for additional event information

The President's Page

Arnie Quast, President, EAA Chapter 932

Hello EAA Chapter Members,

I hope that everyone is fairing well during our arctic tundra-like weather! As I write this, runway 9-27 at Galt Airport is layered in sheets of ice along its entire length. Adding to the pain has been some tough winter weather with record-breaking snow falls and sub-zero temperatures. Not exactly the best of conditions for flying. I can only trust that things will get better as winter moves into its final weeks. Despite the weather, our chapter has been warm and active over the past month.

February Gathering

On February 9th, we had a well-attended chapter gathering. Chapter member, Marty Papanek, gave an excellent presentation on Aircraft Partnerships and how they can make flying more affordable. Marty outlined many of the things one should consider when choosing the right kind of airplane to fit your needs, spreading out fixed and variable costs among multiple owners, legal considerations, and the resources that can be utilized when shopping for just the right airplane. Done properly, a partnership can have many advantages that can help make flying more affordable to those involved. Thanks again to Marty for a great presentation!

Photo courtesy of Arnie Quast

March Gathering

As we move into March, our next gathering will be a fly-out/drive-out visit to a Curtis Jenny project On March 9. The replaca Jenny is being built by members of EAA Chapter 1414 and is housed in the Chapter's hangar near the Wings and Wheels Museum located on the north end of Poplar Grove Airport. Our tour of the project will start at 10am. You are welcome to drive out on your own or carpool from Galt around 9am. The drive time is about 40 minutes. If the weather cooperates, anyone wishing to fly to Poplar Grove is encouraged to do so. If you are able to take passengers or are interesting in being one, please email Dan Johnson at captcubby@comcast.net. Please use "***EAA Flyout***" as the subject. Visiting aircraft can park on the ramp immediately southwest of the museum.

After visiting the project we will have lunch nearby at the Hyde Out Bar and Grill located 5 minutes from Poplar Grove Airport.

Chapter Membership Renewals

In my president page for last month, I mentioned that Chad Genengels has taken over as our new Membership Director. We are happy to have Chad step up and serve this valuable roll in our chapter. As he steps into his new role, Chad will be reaching out to chapter members who are due for renewal. In the past year we have gone to a "rolling" membership renewal as opposed to trying to renew everyone at the beginning of the year. In other words, if you joined the chapter during the year, your membership will renew during your anniversary month. During the transition, we have fallen behind in collecting some dues and renewing some of our members. Chad will be reaching out via email to those who need to renew their memberships in EAA Chapter 932. We value everyone's dedication and membership in our chapter. If you hear from Chad, please take the time to renew your membership.

Looking Ahead into Spring and Summer

As time rolls by into spring, please watch our

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website at www.eaa932.org for the most up to date information on our chapter. In April, we will have our Chapter Gathering at Galt Airport and in May, we are looking forward to hosting our first Young Eagles Rally of the year. We will also once again host the Airline Pilots Association and Allied Pilots Association of United and American Airlines for their annual pancake breakfast. In June, it's Barnstormer Day once again at Galt. This will be a great time to roll back the years and enjoy a good ole' fashioned day of family fun at the airport.

Marty Papanek at February Gathering
Photo courtesy of Bill Tobin

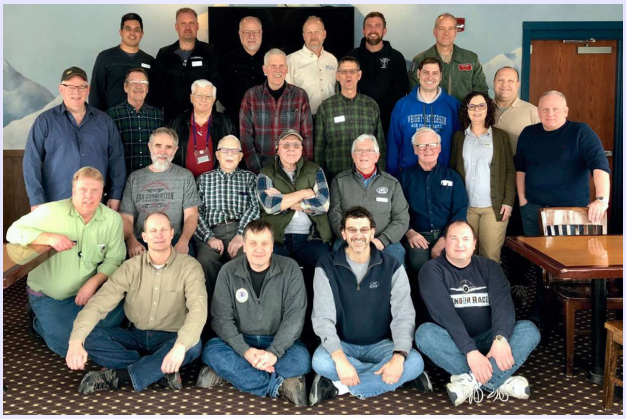
Lots of good stuff is on tap in the months ahead. As always, we need everyone on deck to help keep everything running! Volunteering is the best way to get involved and meet fellow chapter members. I hope to see all of you as these events come along!

For now, do your best to stay warm and look to the sky for better weather in the coming weeks. As always, fly safe.

Thanks to all for staying engaged in our chapter!

Arnie

7th Annual
EAA Chapter Leaders Conference



On February 23, the 7th Annual EAA Chapter Leaders Conference took place at Schaumburg Airport. The meeting was organized by Chapter 932's Beth Rehm. This year saw 29 attendees representing 13 chapters.

The purpose of this annual meeting is to build relationships between chapter leaders in the Chicagoland area, to share knowledge and experience, to help each other resolve chapter issues and to encourage our chapter members to attend each other's events.

Topics on the agenda included discussions of best practices when hosting pancake breakfasts and Young Eagles events, effective use of social media, how to grow chapter membership and encouraging volunteer participation.

Free Classifieds

Do you have a bucketful of Clecos you would like to sell or trade?

Are you in need of a run-out propeller so that you can make a wall clock for your spouse's birthday?

Galt Traffic is here to help. You *do* realize that your junk might be someone else's treasure. So, let our little newsletter help get the word out for you...**FREE**. Please, no for-profit business ads, just ***aviation-related stuff*** that might be of interest to other members. Trade it, sell it or give it away, we won't judge. We'll run your classified/want-ad for as long as we deem reasonable. Let's see how this works out!

Email your text and even a photo to
editor@eaa932.org.

Looking for the latest information for an upcoming Event? Keep an eye on www.eaa932.org

Off the Top of My Head

Cogitations and Ruminations from Jerry Thomas, Editor EAA Chapter 932

Almost every day, my news tickler pops up with another story about a company that is introducing their idea of a personal VTOL (vertical takeoff and landing) vehicle. Judging by the news, the skies around cities are going to get really crowded by the end of the week.

With that in mind, the Mothership in OSH has announced that it will be featuring cutting-edge innovation at Air Venture 2019 at its new ***"Urban Air Mobility Showcase."***

Their press release has been widely picked up by aviation media. (I actually received a notification from "Flying" before I got it from the EAA, and I'm not even a subscriber.)

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Not a moment too soon (and as if we don't have enough acronyms) a company with their own HAV (Hybrid Air Vehicle) has done some forward thinking. With everyone getting into the act, it occurred to thinkers at a hive named Zeva, that rooftop parking is soon going to be at a premium. To solve a problem that doesn't exist yet but will the day after tomorrow, they've come up with the ***"SkyDock"*** which will allow you to park your HAV just outside your office window on the 83rd floor of the Willis Tower. That is likely to take some of the thrill out of looking down from the "Ledge" on the 103rd floor.

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If it's inconvenient to make it out to Tucson to see Pima's Boneyard, no worries. There is one that's considerably closer to home. One of the country's biggest small aircraft salvage yards is in Bates City, Missouri, where 81-year-old Terry White has been salvaging airplanes since 1956. His 170 acre property has its own runway and is home to over 2,000 airplanes in various stages of disassembly and/or decomposition. Terry related that one of his more memorable request was for the fuselage of a 6 - 8 passenger aircraft and came from a guy who wanted to use it as a tree house for his kids. If you're contemplating a stop to look around, Terry does offer tours, but on a limited basis. Plan to do so soon, because Terry's thinking about retiring.

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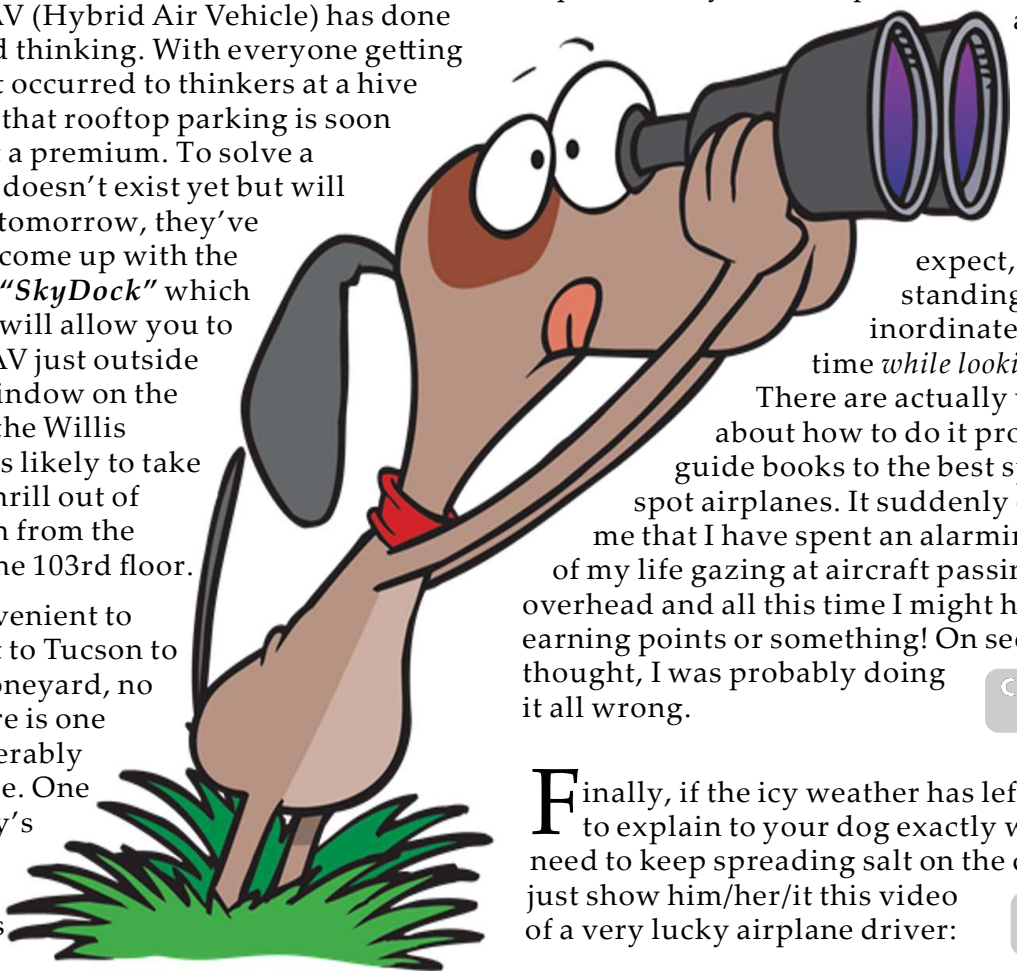

You may be aware of the term "train spotting," (the hobby, not the movie) which requires enthusiasts to stand around for inordinate amounts of time waiting for trains to pass so they can take pictures of them. Now, as I've just discovered, **Plane Spotting** is a *thing* too. As you might expect, it involves standing around for inordinate amounts of time *while looking up*. There are actually web sites about how to do it properly and guide books to the best spots to, uh, spot airplanes. It suddenly occurs to me that I have spent an alarming amount of my life gazing at aircraft passing overhead and all this time I might have been earning points or something! On second thought, I was probably doing it all wrong.

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Finally, if the icy weather has left you trying to explain to your dog exactly why you need to keep spreading salt on the driveway, just show him/her/it this video of a very lucky airplane driver:

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